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1995 FALL SEASON

A craft show, a program on railroads, a tour of the American Wing at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, a haunted house and pumpkin painting festival at Greenfield Hall. Another busy season is ahead for our Historical Society. Read about our plans and join in the activities.

Remember that admission to Society meetings and exhibits is free to our members. Non-members are charged a nominal fee, usually two dollars.

THE RAILROADS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

The railroad as it is known today originated in England in the first quarter of the last century. In our country interest in railroads developed almost as soon as in England. In 1815 the first charter ever granted for a railroad in America was received by John Stevens from the New Jersey legislature for a line between the Delaware and Raritan Rivers. Although that railroad was never built, Stevens did build and operate the first locomotive to run on rails in America; it ran on a half-mile circle track at his home in Hoboken.

Railroads have experienced a colorful history since their inception almost two centuries ago, instilling a feeling of romance and adventure in both children and adults. At our next meeting on Wednesday, September 27, we will hear about the development and the present status of "The Railroads of Camden County."

OUR SPEAKER

Frank Kozempel, our speaker, is well-versed in the history of railroads and their operations. Railroads have been his hobby since his teenage years when his father worked for the now-defunct Baldwin Locomotive Works. Before and after a four-year enlistment in the U.S. Air Force, Frank worked as a boilermaker, block operator, and later as train director for the railroad. In 1956 he made a change and joined IBM. He has recently retired as an Account System Engineer with that company.

Frank is Vice-President and Historian of the West Jersey Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. This national organization, whose members have a common interest in railroads and their history, has been in existence for over fifty years. He is also involved with other railroad societies, such as the Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society, and writes articles for all of their publications. Frank has been photographing the changing railroad scene in South Jersey since 1947. A number of his photographs have been published in books and periodicals.



You won't want to miss this talk and the opening meeting of our fall season on Wednesday, September 27, at 7:30 P.M. in Greenfield Hall. Enjoy a wonderful trip back to those old steam locomotives which chugged and whistled through our town not too long ago.

VILLAGE FAIR IN JUNE

Two, four, six, eight - who do we appreciate?!

All of our members and friends who helped us pull together a wonderful Village Fair this past June. Nancy Burrough and her crew of stalwarts produced a garage sale so full of goodies and treasures that the line of "early-birds" wrapped around the fence.

New members, Dr. Kathleen O'Banion and her children and Joann Bowman, with the help of Don Sabia and Trustee John Woolley, tented the grass behind the Mickle House where they sold a vast assortment of books, magazines, and records.

Maps were sold in the cool of the Mickle House by Pat and Jim Lennon, fresh from their dual recuperations. Meanwhile, Tom and I simmered by the heat of the grill selling hot dogs and sodas. Mary Pharo and friends set up the jewelry tables on the far side of King's Lane with the Garden Club's display of plants directly opposite.

In the front yard, Trustee Tom Applegate quickly sold out of delicious strawberries while other Trustees and Executive Board members, Myra Kain and Mickey Mack, manned the commemorative table.

Inside, in the keeping room, Betsy Bartlett, Dot Sherrerd, and cohorts came to our rescue and rapidly sold all the baked goods donated by our generous members.

There were so many hands behind the scenes, I can't mention them all. But I must thank Trustee and former Treasurer, Frank Demmerly, for handling all the money in such a professional manner. Also, Elizabeth Haddon School's "treasure", Mr. Bill, helped keep the early birds at bay for two hours. Then there were all those who called, baked, publicized, shopped, set-up, took down, painted signs, picked up, delivered, counted, sold, and most of all, BOUGHT. We couldn't have done it without all of you! Thank you.

HAUNTED HOUSE AND PUMPKIN PAINTING FESTIVAL

If you missed our Haunted House last year, you cannot imagine how wonderful it was. This was no amateur event. Although there were no leaping goblins or gooey ooze to terrify small children, it was decidedly a happening to delight both adults and children. Yvonne Carpenter is a master of the genre and has been collecting accoutrements for many years. The setting couldn't be more perfect for a "dinner of death", Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh's ghost, a funeral long over-due, a witch and her bubbling cauldron, and a dying rat in a trap.

This year promises to be even more eerie. The date is October 30, a Monday evening from 6:00 to 9:00, at \$2.00 each. If you have children in the town Halloween parade, plan to come to Greenfield Hall on your way home.

After touring the Haunted House you'll be able to wander to our garden. There, under cover of a tent, you'll find member Jim Hansen with \$2 pumpkins for all to paint. The scary atmosphere continues with a mist-shrouded environment that will take you mentally to the misty moors of a castle in England. At the end of all this, Jim will bring everyone "back home" with the sale of good old American hot dogs and hamburgers.

This is an event for everyone in the family to enjoy. Come to see how creative we've been at our headquarters. You'll never look at Greenfield Hall quite the same way again and neither will Aunt Agatha!

P.S. We need lots of volunteers.

ETCETERA

Bill Mason, Curator of the Indian King Tavern Museum, is the newly-elected President of the Camden County Alliance of Historical Societies. He tells me that the Alliance is regrouping this fall and hopes to offer some programs in the spring.

This summer, after more than a year of working on it, a new brochure has been produced in conjunction with the Barclay Farmstead in Cherry Hill, the Indian King Tavern, and the Historical Society of Haddonfield. It is a tri-fold on taupe paper printed in black, and gives an overview of all three sites with appropriate phone numbers and other information. Debby Troemner handled this with care, as usual.

The Medford Crafters, a group new to the Society, will be taking over Greenfield Hall for three days in September (22,23,24). A \$1 donation at the door benefits the Society and will lead to some fine shopping, I'm sure. Later, toward Thanksgiving, the Haddonfield Crafters will be back for their third year of enticing Christmas items. Mark November 15 on your calendar for their "Holiday Sampler".

As we roll into September many things in my life should be coming together. The family room that's been torn up all summer should be back together better than before, the old driveway should be gone and the new one installed. Hopefully, Tom's tumor will be on the run and best of all we should have a new granddaughter. I hope your summer was productive and restful.

I'll see you on Wednesday, September 27.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Be sure to mark your calendar with our coming events.
All activities are at Greenfield Hall unless otherwise noted.

SEPTEMBER

- 6...Executive Board, home of Tom Applegate, 7:45 P.M.
Co-host, Barbara Mellon Denesevich
- 22,23,24...**Medford Crafters Show**, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
\$1.00 donation to Society
- 27...General meeting and program, **The Railroads of Camden County**, 7:30 P.M.
- 30...Wedding, Greenfield Hall closed

OCTOBER

- 4...Executive Board, Greenfield Hall, 7:45 P.M.
- 15...Haddon Fortnightly / Historical Society **Walking Tour and Tea**, 2:00 P.M. Call 428-0053 for information
- 19...**Tour of the American Wing**, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 11:30 A.M. from Wedgewood Swim Club
- 20...Haddon Fortnightly **Antique Show**, Greenfield Hall will be open
- 21...Wedding, Greenfield Hall closed
- 30...**Haunted House and Pumpkin Painting Festival**, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER

- 1...Executive Board, home of Ed and Connie Reeves, 7:45 P.M.
- 8...General meeting and program, **Furniture Restoration and Repair**, 7:30 P.M.
- 15...Haddonfield Crafters present, **A Holiday Sampler**, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., \$1.00 donation to Society

DECEMBER

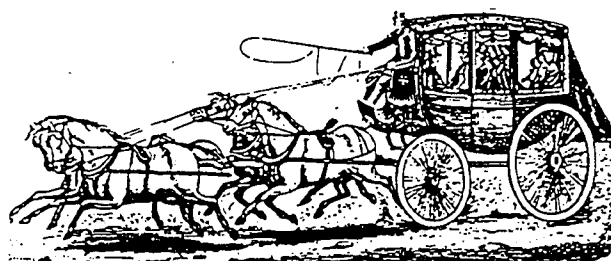
- 6...Executive Board, home of Debbe Mervine, 7:45 P.M.
- 9...**Holly Festival**, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

JOIN THE CARAVAN by Barbara Crane

Our own Joe Haro has graciously agreed to conduct a private tour of the American Wing at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on Thursday, October 19 at 1:30 P.M. This tour will be a "time line" survey of American art from the 1700's to the 1990's and will include furniture (Chippendale, Shaker, Victorian), sculpture, decorative arts, and paintings.

A car pool from the Wedgewood Pool parking lot will leave promptly at 11:30 A.M., giving the group time for luncheon in the Museum dining room. Cost is \$12.00 with luncheon at your own expense. Payment is due by October 7.

Call Barbara Crane at 429-7929 for reservations. Guests are always welcome.



A BROCHURE - AT LAST

It's been a year and a half in the making, it's been the subject of many meetings and discussions, and it's completed at last. It's *Historic Highways*, a tour brochure which highlights three historic sites in Camden County: Greenfield Hall, the Indian King Tavern Museum, and Barclay Farmstead.

Through the New Jersey Division of Tourism and Travel, the brochure has been mailed to tour organizers to encourage groups to travel to our area and to utilize our facilities. Copies are available also in Greenfield Hall, the Indian King Tavern, and the Borough Hall in Haddonfield.

Debby Troemner was our representative who, along with Bill Mason of the Indian King and Sally Callaghan of the Barclay Farmstead, wrote the brochure. The brochure is beautifully illustrated with line drawings of each location by Bette Leshner.

FAIR DAY by Nancy Burrough

Fair skies added that something special to our June Fair which was held on the grounds of Greenfield Hall on June 4. The weather, along with all the wonderful items we had to offer, helped to make a perfect day. Attendance was very strong. Some shoppers came for jewelry, books, collectibles, and plants while others were eager to buy our home-baked treats, strawberries, and lunch from our grill.

A big **thank you** to all who helped as well as to all of our members and friends who made those wonderful donations of salable items. Very special thanks to Barbara Lane and to Mary Pharo for going that extra mile with all their help.

WORDS TO PONDER

We don't know who wrote the following poem, but we do know it's rather appropriate as we begin our new season. We're sure you'll enjoy it.

WORDS TO PONDER

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed;
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend all meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home
And criticize, or even knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along;
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?

Do you voluntarily
Help at the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?

Come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart.
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

Be that kind of MEMBER
Who will help the work along.
Are you an active member
Or do you "Just belong"?

Think of all we'd be able to accomplish if every member helped out with just one activity or fund raiser throughout the year. The ideas of each one of you along with the follow-through to accomplish those ideas are what will make us a strong, valuable organization in our community. Please join us as we move ahead.

Are you aware of the committees which operate within the Society?

Building and Grounds oversees the maintenance of Greenfield Hall and the Samuel Mickle House. *Collections* is active in preserving and recording the items which have been given to us over the years. *Education* originates programs and organizes tours in both Greenfield Hall and Haddonfield. *Finance* attends to the money aspects of keeping our Society healthy, including preparation of the annual budget and caring for the investments. *Library* includes not only working within our library facilities but also in doing research.

Membership keeps records and is also seeking ways to

attract new members. *Publicity* writes newspaper articles and produces brochures to alert the public to our various events. The *Fund-Raising* committee attempts to create new ways to raise money.

Exhibits, Development, Trips, Publications, Bulletin, Interior Design all are committees where you'll be able to find a place. You can make a difference. Call Debbe Mervine, our President, at 428-0053 and tell her which committee is interesting to you. The chairman of that group will be happy to contact you!

MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to all of you who have renewed your memberships for this new year. Renewal forms were sent out in April and final notices during the month of June. In case you've forgotten to send in your form and check, please renew now. We need each one of you in order to carry out our operations and reach our goals.

A special welcome to our new members. Please come to our meetings and affairs at Greenfield Hall and consider serving as a member of one of our committees. It's a great way to get to know us...and we're anxious to get to know you!

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E Callan

Mrs. John C. Lang

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McKeown

Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Sabia

Maryellen A. Yurkow, Esq.

LIFE MEMBER

Donald L. Clement, Jr.

SUSTAINING MEMBER

Helene Zimmer-Loew

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Marion Chorley *Louise Z. Farr*

William C. Kanupke *Howard Lawrence*

Frances R. Lax *Patricia Lennon*

Robert J. Lynch *Joseph Murphy*

Hilda Q. Walton *Mary M. Taylor*

Carole Speechley *Marguerite M. Rosner*

John H. Reisner III *Mrs. Sergio Peresson*

"Yielding and paying therefore unto the said Henry William Stiegel, his heirs or assigns at the town of Manheim in the month of June yearly hereafter, the rent of one rose, if the same shall be lawfully demanded". This was the stipulation included in the agreement made on December 4, 1772 when Henry Stiegel deeded property to the Lutherans in Manheim, Pennsylvania to build a church. The Rev. Frederick A. C. Muhlenberg became the congregation's first pastor.

It was my paternal grandmother who lived in Indianapolis, Indiana who did all the work to trace our family back to Henry William Stiegel. Thank goodness. Probably I would never have had the patience or taken the time. You know how we all live in this busy busy world, to accomplish what. I am not sure.

Baron Stiegel came to America from Germany in the mid-1700's. In 1762 he founded the town of Manheim. His first business venture was as an ironmaster manufacturing stoves for cooking and heating. His next and better known endeavor was the manufacture of fancy glass. At that time most glass was imported. The Baron felt that glass should be made in America.

Although a few pieces of Stiegel glass are available, I do not have any. Most pieces remaining today are known as "Stiegel-type". Examples are "flips" etched with various fancy designs in two sizes, smaller and larger than normal everyday drinking glasses. Other examples are ribbed small bottles in various colors.

Unfortunately the Baron "too much enjoyed" his success and with high living, combined with a decline in the market for glass because of the impending Revolution, died a pauper. There is a question as to where he is buried.

The rent payments were forgotten until 1892 when the deed was rediscovered and the festival, the yearly "Ceremony of the Payment of Rose Day", was instituted. High above the altar in the Zion Lutheran Church is a stained glass rose window commemorating Stiegel. In the old cemetery adjoining the church are many red rose bushes. Entering the church on the day of the festival everyone is handed a rose which is later collected and placed on the graves in the cemetery.

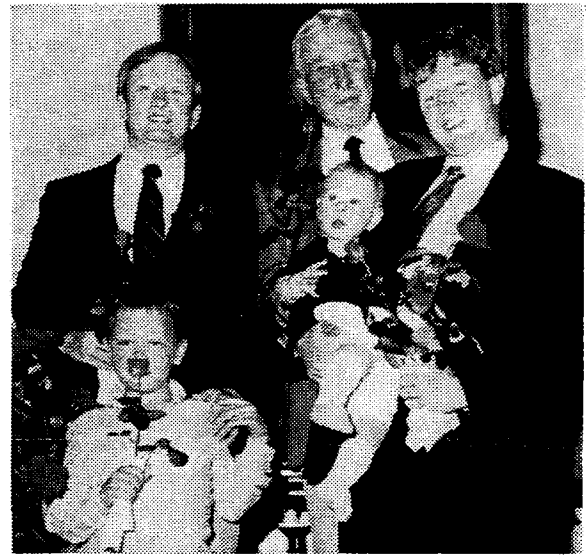
In 1977 the Rev. Raymond Foellner completed a genealogy of the lineal heirs of Henry William Stiegel. Sadly, this genealogy has not been kept current even though each heir is requested to provide yearly information as to deaths and births.

My paternal grandmother, the sixth generation, received the rose in 1933. I, the eighth generation, was the recipient in 1967

and my younger son, William Hoyt, the ninth generation, in 1991.

Incidentally, an attorney must be in attendance to certify that payment has been offered and received each year. In 1991, when payment was made to Hoyt, his brother Frank carried out the attorney's responsibility.

This year, 1995, Hoyt, his five-year old son, Braden, and I attended the festival. Like so many old traditions, there is less interest each year by the heirs. I can only hope this dying ember will remain burning long past the time when Braden will receive the rose.



After the ceremony in 1991...The author's son, Frank, is standing behind his son, Frank, IV. Holding Braden is the younger son, William Hoyt. The proud father and grandfather is looking on.

Ed. note: Henry William Stiegel (1729-1785) owned the second successful glasshouse in America. He set out to make glass equal to English glass and soon succeeded.

Stiegel-type glass is characterized by the use of clear and colored glasses and by engraving and enameling. Because his styles of decoration differ little from their European prototypes, it is difficult to definitely attribute pieces to him. As a result, the term "Spiegel-type" glass is often used.

However, certain designs are Stiegel's invention and have no counterpart. These include the diamond daisy and the repeated daisy in a hexagon.

Frank Demmerly, author of this article and one of the Baron's heirs, is a Trustee of our Society. For many years he had been the Treasurer and was instrumental in organizing the Society's finances and setting up a yearly budget system. Along with Frank, we hope the Red Rose tradition will continue forever.

While I've only recently become a resident of Haddonfield, I have lived in Camden County for all but one of the fifty years of my life. I vividly recall Haddonfield, especially in the late 1940's and '50's, before there was hardly anything on the Haddonfield-Berlin Road but trees and fields, when Woodcrest was still an orchard, and Cherry Hill was still Delaware Township.

In those days, Haddonfield was 'THE' premier place to shop. The town had only the finest stores and drew people from all over South Jersey. Parking was much worse than it is today. My mother would drive around town looking for a "convenient" place to park, which usually meant at least a three or four block walk anyway. Meanwhile, my grandmother and I would begin shopping. Sometimes we "lost" Gertrude for what seemed like hours.

As always, the merchants put their best forward and the clerks, as they were called then, were the most gracious of any where we shopped, including even Wanamaker's of Philadelphia.

There were plenty of places to get a quick bite for lunch, but because we usually made a day of it, Grannie preferred a dinner at the Haddon House. The Haddon House, situated on the northeast corner of Potter Street and King's Highway, was also a boarding house at that time. Not only were the food and service both excellent, eating on the wrap-around porch and watching the traffic from above the street level made it all seem quite elegant. This had great appeal for my grandmother, Mabel Regina Courvoisier, who was proud that she had come from France in her mother's womb and was the only one of seven sisters to be born in America. They were all "pips, to be sure".



Unfortunately, my Welsh grandfather, Big Bill, was never able to come with us on our excursions. He was busy tending bar at their tavern in Laurel Springs. However, he'd always close down on Christmas Eve so we could all come to Haddonfield to look at the marvelous lights and decorations throughout town before going to services. He was especially fond of Birdwood, the homes between Warwick and Chews Landing Roads, and motoring on the King's Highway.

Haddonfield was the only place I ever wanted to live. Now I'm proud of not only being a resident but also an entertaining innkeeper like my grandfather, one who helps maintain our heritage and shares our past and culture with thousands of people every year.

Bill Mason is the Curator of the Indian King Tavern, one of Haddonfield and the State of New Jersey's most important landmarks. Bill conducts tours for school groups, visiting groups, and individuals throughout the year.

VISION 2000 UPDATE

In November 1990, the Executive Board of the Historical Society adopted a ten-year plan, *Vision 2000: Preserving the Past for the Future*. As stated in the plan, the mission and the purpose of the Society include increasing the awareness of and access to the history of Haddonfield, New Jersey and its environs by collecting and conserving opportunities to study, interpret, and promote that history to the widest audience. Goals and objectives outlined in the plan are (in abbreviated form) as follow:

1. to increase awareness of members and residents of Haddonfield and our area of the mission and services of the Historical Society
2. to develop and maintain a dynamic, comprehensive service program
3. to increase membership and enlarge the volunteer base

4. to develop sufficient funding to meet the Society's needs
5. to attract, develop, and retain sufficient quality staff to meet our needs
6. to work effectively with organizations, schools, and the government of our town and within the network of related historical societies
7. to function effectively as an organization through ongoing planning

At this time special meetings are being held by the Board to review and refine these directives. The Board will also determine objectives and activities to support these goals.

Copies of *Vision 2000* in its entirety are available at the office in Greenfield Hall.

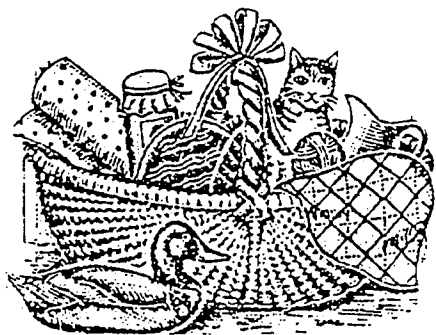
THE MEDFORD CRAFTERS ARE COMING

The Medford Crafters, who have been displaying their creations at the Medford Community Center since they organized as a group four years ago, are coming to Haddonfield. On September 22, 23, and 24, Greenfield Hall will be decorated with the works of thirty-five crafters who will present "The Harvest House".

Under the leadership of Mary Humphreys and Pam Kohler, the Crafters' work will be displayed in the fashion of Greenfield Hall. Victorian and country styles will be emphasized. Silk, dried and fresh flowers, hand-painted chests, découpage, wood ornaments, tablecloths, place mats, and clothing, along with baked goods, will be offered for sale during the three days in September.

Come to see all these lovely items as well as to see Greenfield Hall in all its beauty. It will be a good opportunity to get an early start on gift-buying for the holidays or perhaps to get an item just perfect for your own home.

Our doors will be open on Friday, September 22 at 10:00 A.M. for a coffee preview and will remain open until 9:00 in the evening. Saturday, September 23's hours will also be from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. On Sunday doors will be open from noon until 4:00 in the afternoon. Your \$1 donation will go to our Society.



ACQUISITIONS FOR OUR COLLECTIONS

We are grateful for the following contributions to the Society's collections:

2 electrified oil lampsDr. and Mrs. James Eynon
1965 and 1966 HMHS
prom gowns, Gibson girl
blouse, Victorian
dress, parasol, photos
of 1888 parlor.....Paul Keyser
Betsy Ross House
prints, 1911-12.....Lillian Martin
Taped memories
of World War IIJ. F. Tatem School 4th Grade

ACCESSION NEWS

Mickey Mack announces the creation of a short-term Accession Committee which will work one morning a month from November through March. The committee has been formed to photograph, catalog, and package those items which have been on long-term loan to the Indian King Tavern Museum and which are now being returned to our Society. These items include toys, dolls, pottery, documents and other artifacts, many which have not been seen by most residents of our town.

Come join this exciting adventure. For more specific information, call either Mickey at 795-6823 or Kathy Tassini at 429-2462. Make arrangements to help one morning or several at your convenience. You'll be glad you did.

LIBRARY GIFTS

Photograph. Haddonfield H.S. Class of 1894. From Joseph N. Hartel

Old Clippings & Histories re Tavistock C.C. From Tavistock C.C.

Marriage invitation & photograph (Photocopy) Mr. & Mrs. Lemuel Middleton. From Mary Jane Freedley

Photographs. Ebenezer Hopkins House (2) People in bathing suits from 1920's. From Mary Bauer

"The Underground Railroad" written for Tatem School by Betty and Stuart Lyons

Deeds re: 24 Potter Street (photocopies). From Zelda Andrews Caravelli and Ernest A Caravelli

Tavistock Farm by Judy Pacello Monahan

Grand Army of the Republic Materials from Haddonfield Chapter

Genealogy pages re Isaac Collins from Stevenson Bible, 1824. From Betty Lyons

Postcard. Haddon House Hotel c. 1950. From Bill Mason
James Sloan, Jr. Genealogical and historical information. From Marion Willits and Mary Jane Freedley

Pamphlet. Dedication of the Delaware River Bridge, 7/5/26
25th Anniv. of Del. River Bridge 1951. From Mr. J. H. Bowen

Extracts from *The History of the Bye Family* by Edwin Bye, 1956./ Pages relating to Eliz. Haddon. From Ruth Evans.

Photo of laying cornerstone of Haddonfield Public Library, 1917.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE by Kathy Tassini

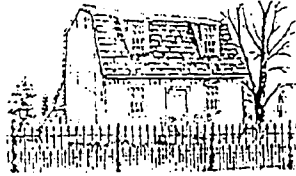
The History Come Alive program of the Education Committee will resume with an organizational meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 1:15 P.M. at Greenfield Hall. Anyone and everyone interested in the Society's programs for elementary school students in Haddonfield is encouraged to attend.

We are planning to offer the Architectural Walking Tour for fifth grades in the fall. This program was a big hit last year and we would like to keep it alive and lively. In the spring we plan to offer the Elizabeth Haddon program in conjunction with a program offered by the Indian King Tavern. Finally we are working with the third grade teachers from Tatem School to develop one and possibly two sessions for their study of "community".

Programs are offered free of charge to all of our community schools - the Haddonfield Public Schools, Christ the King School and Haddonfield Friends School. The response has

been very positive in the past. In order to continue we need docents! If you have been a docent in the past, please come and do it again! If you have an interest in one particular program, that's all you need to volunteer for. You can learn one program or all three.

We prefer to divide the students into small groups of about ten students for most of these programs, and since the classes in Haddonfield are fairly large these days, we need more docents to do the kind of job which we would like to do. Please come out and find out about our programs. Meet other people with an interest in local history. Learn some local history yourself and then share it with the children of our community. This program is a lot of fun and does not require a lot of time. If you can't come on the 19th but you are interested, call Joe Haro at 795-1228 or me at 429-2462.



OUR BUSY LIBRARY by Kathy Tassini

This past summer proved to be quite busy in the library with never a dull day and researchers from as far away as North Carolina coming to use the collections.

Judy Monahan, a senior history major from Rowan College who worked on a project for the Historical Society Library all semester completed her course with an outstanding history of Tavistock Farm, tracing it from its first English owner to its sale out of the Gill family in the early 20th century. She has given a copy of the paper to the Society and has also become a member as well as a good friend to the library.

Another summer project has been to order the bookcases, slide case and conservation boxes and files made possible by the generous gift of the Carrie E. Nicholson Hartel Quester Chapter and a grant from the N.J. State Questers. Once all of the materials have been received we will be holding a dedication and open house in recognition of this generous contribution.

THE NEW SEASON

Fall signals a return to regular hours. Beginning with the Tuesday after Labor Day, the library will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. and on the first Sunday afternoon of each month from 1 to 3 P.M.

Fall also signals a return of volunteers to the library. Since our move to new quarters, we have been fortunate to have a growing corps of volunteers who come on either a regular or irregular basis to help us with the never-ending job of processing library collections. Through their generous efforts we have made great strides in making manuscript collections more accessible. There is still a great deal of work to be done, so if you have some time on Tuesdays or Thursdays and think you might like to help, call me at the Society on those days (429-7375).

JOE HARTEL

The subject of collections brings to mind our dear friend, Joe Hartel, who has been the person responsible for the inventories of our major collections. Joe has contributed hundreds of hours in organizing, numbering, and describing every item in some of our most important collections over the past ten years. His knowledge and insight into the people and events have made his inventories invaluable and have saved a great deal of wear and tear on the collections themselves. Joe has been out of commission all summer, but our thoughts and prayers for a full recovery are with him and his family.

FAMILY ANCESTRY FAIR

The Bucks County, PA Genealogical Society is sponsoring its fourth annual Ancestry Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. The fair will be held at Delaware Valley College on Route 202 in Doylestown, Pa from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, until 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Special speakers and exhibitions will be featured at the fair, including programs on the use of computers and software in genealogical and historical research. Exhibitors and vendors will display their maps, books, and periodicals. Admission is free.

For more information, call the Bucks County Society at 215-230-9410.

IMPACT SYMPOSIUM

On Saturday, October 7, the National Park Service and the Washington Association of New Jersey will sponsor a Symposium on the impact of the War for Independence on the civilian population. The Symposium will be held in conjunction with an exhibit opening at the Museum of the Morristown National Historical Park concerning the impact of the army's stay on the town of Morristown during the winter of 1779-1780. (Morristown is the site of the first National Historical Park in our country, created in 1933.)

Cost of the Symposium will be \$30 per person. The fee includes the presentations by the authors, a copy of the papers, a moderated discussion by the authors, and luncheon. The affair will be held at the Governor Morris Hotel, a short distance from the Museum. Unfortunately, we have not been given the time for the Symposium.

If you are interested and care to receive more information, write to the Washington Association Symposium, Box 1473, Morristown, NJ 07962-1473. Registrants will receive a map of the area showing the site of the Symposium as well as other sites of historic interest nearby.

OCTOBER WALKING TOUR by Deborah Mervine

If you've never taken one of the four or five Walking Tours of Haddonfield offered by the Society, here's an opportunity to participate in our most recently designed tour. On October 15 at 2:00 P.M., the Haddon Fortnightly, in conjunction with our Society, will offer a tour tentatively beginning at Greenfield Hall. The tour will take about an hour and will finish at the Society where a lovely tea with scones will take place.

The cost for this event is \$12 per person, payable to the Haddon Fortnightly E.M.D. Our Society will receive \$5 of each ticket. Reservations are required. Call me at 428-0053 to make your arrangements.

SOCIETY SAMPLERS

Mary Jane Freedley worked tirelessly several years ago to produce the graphs for both the Elizabeth Collins' Upside-Down Sampler and the Rachel Bassett Sampler. Each kit for counted cross-stitch which she made up includes a background sketch of the original work and is available at Greenfield Hall.

Also sold at Greenfield Hall are the instructions for the Greenfield Hall Sampler designed especially for the Historical Society of Haddonfield by Janet Lehman. Come and look at the samplers in the keeping room and then make some for your own home.

DISCOUNT ON GIFTS

Just a reminder that lovely Society commemoratives are available at Greenfield Hall. These items make great gifts. From tea towels to tote bags, from note paper to *Cat's Meow* buildings the selection is sure to have something you'd like to give or keep for yourself.

We also have publications which are appreciated by everyone. Browse through our selection. Remember that Historical Society members always get a 10% discount.

DO YOU REMEMBER? by Mary Jane Freedley

In the 1930's, before Little League entered the scene, "workies up" was the name of the game. All over town on any vacant lot neighborhood children organized softball games in the spring and summer. Boys and girls, mostly Junior School age, happily played on weedy, rough-surfaced fields with stones marking the bases. Rules and umpiring decisions were made up by the participants. Each player had a turn at every position and worked up to a turn at bat. Girls were often started out in the less desirable outfield but also got their chance to pitch.

Our baseball field was at the corner of Washington Avenue and Gill Road, a bumpy arena for fun until it got dark. The only interference from grown-ups was when Mother called us home. What a great learning experience "workies up" was!



CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIA by Deborah Mervine



It's early August and we are in the midst of one of the longest heat waves ever and here I am writing about Christmas Luminaria. Actually, it's refreshing!

I hope you followed your May assignment and talked about our project with your friends and neighbors so that they will be receptive when our advertising begins in earnest this fall.

Here's the plan:

We will sell long-burning (15 hour) candles and paper bags with simple instructions from now until December. The price will be \$5.00 for a home with 50 feet of front footage and \$7.50 for one with 75 feet. Also, multiples of these can be purchased to accommodate larger lots.

The homeowner will fill the bottom of the bags with sand or kitty litter (sand is best since it's heavier) and will place the bags every five feet along the sidewalk. Lighting of the candles at 5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve will be a community event that hopefully will become a cherished ritual year after year.

In the event of inclement weather that would force us to postpone the event, the Haddon Fire Company #1 has promised to sound a long blast on the fire horn at 5:00 P.M. to signal the postponement. Postponement dates in order are: Christmas night, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Preordered Luminaria will be available for pick-up at Greenfield Hall the day of our Holly Festival, December 9 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and other days as announced.

This promises to be the proverbial win/win situation. Haddonfield will be beautiful and homeowners will be getting a nice bargain. There's another win here: our Society will make a nice profit if everyone participates.

So start lining up your neighbors right away. An order form is included in this *Bulletin* for your convenience.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Many of our members have lived in Haddonfield at some time during their childhood or young adulthood. If you are one of them, we'd love to have you share your memories with us. *Bulletin* articles have already been written by Ed Reeves, Don Harris, Mary Jane Freedley, Mary Scudder, and Betty Rusk. Betty Van Hart Donovan and Albert Bauer, who lived in Greenfield Hall when they were children, also wrote their reminiscences and allowed us to use their period pictures for publication.

Please give it a try. Call Connie Reeves at 429-0326 if you have any questions or send your copy to her at Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East. It will be a thrill to see your words in print and all of us will enjoy reading about your experiences.

NEW JERSEY FIRSTS

Atlantic City holds the distinction of being the first in three areas:

- the first boardwalk in the world built in 1870;
- the first airplane passenger service inaugurated in 1919;
- the first Miss America chosen in 1921. This year the Pageant is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

HISTORY AWARD

This year's annual Historical Society History Award was presented to Benjamin Hyde, a graduating senior from Haddonfield Memorial High School. The award, a \$100 savings bond and an autographed copy of *Lost Haddonfield*, was given in June during the Awards' Ceremony. The Society instituted the award in 1993 to encourage an interest in history and an appreciation for it. Selection of the winner is made with the cooperation of the school's Social Studies Coordinator, Henry Silver.



WE WANT NEW MEMBERS

In order to grow stronger and more effective, our Historical Society must have a growing base. We are continually in need of volunteers to carry out the many activities necessary to assure our usefulness in the community. Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to become members. The application form on the following page is included for that purpose. Many thanks for all your help.

LUMINARIA ORDER FORM

Luminaria materials for 50' footage _____ @ \$5.00 per unit \$ _____

Luminaria materials for 75' footage _____ @ \$7.50 per unit \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Send your check for the total, made out to the Historical Society of Haddonfield, by December 1, 1995.

Be sure to include your name and address.

Mail to: Luminaria HSH

Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East

Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Please pick up your order at the Society's headquarters, Greenfield Hall, on Saturday, December 9, 1995 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., or on other dates to be announced in the next newsletter.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Historical Society of Haddonfield 1995-1996

I (We) want to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

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|----------------------------------|---|
| () Individual | \$20.00 |
| () Household | \$35.00 includes 2 adults and all children living at same residence |
| () Contributing (per person) | \$50.00 |
| () Sustaining (per person) | \$100.00 |
| () Patron (per person) | \$200.00 |
| () Life Membership (per person) | \$500.00 |

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

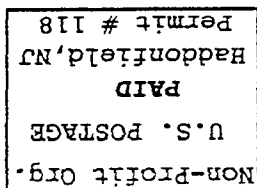
Telephone _____

Please mail form and check to The Historical Society of Haddonfield, Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East,
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Don't miss the
Halloween fun
at Greenfield Hall
on October 30.

Mark your calendar NOW.



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